# Daily Digest

## Senate

#### Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Forty bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 107–146, S.J. Res. 4, and S. Res. 12–14. Pages S313–14

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 6, objecting to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 and to all efforts that undermine direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians for a secure and peaceful settlement, with amendments.

S. 84, to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

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#### Measures Passed:

Secretary of Defense Nomination Waiver: By 81 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 27), Senate passed S. 84, to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. Pages S299–S307

Commending Clemson University Tigers Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 14, commending the Clemson University Tigers football team for winning the 2017 College Football Playoff National Championship.

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GAO Access and Oversight Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 4:15 p.m., on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged and Senate begin consideration of H.R. 72, to ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information; that there be 30 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form, and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate. Page S320

Pro Forma—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate adjourn

until 10 a.m., on Friday, January 13, 2017, for a pro forma session only, with no business being conducted; and that when Senate adjourns on Friday, January 13, 2017, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro (Treaty Doc. 114–12) (Ex. Rept. 115–1).

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—27)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 5:38 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 13, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$320.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### **NOMINATION**

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James N. Mattis, to be Secretary of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senators Cohen and Nunn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.